

**To:** MPA 506 Students  
**From:** Sean-Michael Green  
**RE:** Welcome Letter  
**Date:** August 23, 2009

It is my pleasure to welcome you to MPA 506: Administrative Law (online) for the fall term.

Administrative Law explores the study of the legal framework of public administration. Basic principles of constitutional law and the institutions of American government are reviewed. The development of the administrative agency as a contemporary legal and social phenomenon and its relationship to other branches of government are considered. The structure of an administrative agency, its jurisdiction, powers, processes, and accountability are analyzed.

Prior to the start of the course, please obtain a copy of the textbook. The book you need is Administrative Law, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition by Stephen J. Cann, released by Sage Publications in 2006. One of your assignments will require you to explore scholarly articles in Administrative Law, and you may wish to start identifying some resources for this upcoming assignment. You can also log into iLearn and familiarize yourself with the system. Once the course is published, you will be able to explore the course materials. Notes will be released each Monday evening, and you will be required to participate in discussions on course material each week.

We will start the course slowly, spending some time getting acquainted with each other, the structure of the course, and the topic of administrative law. The slow start will last for a matter of days, and then we will accelerate to our working pace throughout the rest of the course. We have only eight weeks—from August 31 to October 23—to explore a large topic, and my goal is to maximize both the quality and quantity of material that we review. The material may be challenging, but hopefully it will be equally interesting.

You will find that I am accessible and happy to guide you through the course. Email is easily the best way to reach me at [Sean-Michael.Green@Marist.edu](mailto:Sean-Michael.Green@Marist.edu), but I can also be reached by phone at 845-575-3512 or AIM at smgreen3512. Of course, once the course starts, most of our interaction will be through the iLearn course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Welcome, and I look forward to meeting you in the class.

Respectfully Yours,  
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